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## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

## Report for the Month of March, 1950.

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## POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th September, 1949 was estimated to be 540,273, comprising 277,768 Males and 262,505 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	FEBRUARY		2 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Marriages.....No.	533	448	984	846
* Rate per 1000 of Population	12.63	11.14	11.08	10.00
Births.....No.	1,141	1,074	2,314	2,140
* Rate per 1000 of Population	27.04	26.71	26.08	25.29
Deaths.....No.	363	347	741	719
* Rate per 1000 of Population	8.60	8.63	8.35	8.50
Infant Mortality.....No.	32	34	75	66
{ Deaths under one year } Rate per 1000 Live Births	28.05	31.66	32.41	30.84
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	14	21	22	30
Cancer	53	44	104	86
Influenza	-	2	1	3
Diphtheria	-	1	-	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	37	31	74	67
Arteriosclerosis	10	10	21	31
Diseases of the Heart	109	92	210	199
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	9	15	19	30
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	1	5	4	9
Nephritis	6	11	13	23
Diseases of Early Infancy	28	19	55	36
Senility	5	11	10	20
Accidents	23	19	58	48
All Other Causes	68	66	150	135
TOTAL	363	347	741	719

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

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LAID SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the three months ended March, totalled 123,312 acres, a decrease of 46,545 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 139,398 acres, a decrease of 405,996 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Revenue	£	£	£	£
Revenue per Head of Popln.	2,202,701	1,802,710	17,310,199	14,642,020
	£3.19. 8.	£3. 8. 8.	£31.17. 7.	£28. 2. 6.
Expenditure	2,173,061	1,860,111	17,644,850	15,340,066
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£3.18. 7.	£3.10.10.	£32. 9.11.	£29. 9. 4.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st March amounted to £38,709,644 or £69.17.6d. per head of population as against £36,649,959 or £69.13.11d. per head as at the 31st March last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 29th March, 1950, amounted to £9,168,922 compared with £7,005,433 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Transfers	No.	2,097	1,718	15,785
	£	2,027,079	1,213,772	13,387,806
Mortgages	No.	1,372	861	9,802
	£	1,459,554	905,796	10,874,896
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,058	949	7,854
				7,374

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
£	£	£	£	£
Year ended 30th June, 1949	18,522,779	11,694,334	45,148,825	2,085,203
Year ended 30th June, 1948	14,870,843	11,013,911	37,726,747	1,812,919
Month of March, 1950	2,303,835	1,795,230	4,200,097	205,442
Month of March, 1949	1,550,362	924,269	3,448,964	175,815
Nine Months to March, 1950	17,028,078	11,038,356	35,972,232	1,788,742
Nine Months to March, 1949	13,557,831	8,616,897	32,578,209	1,534,583



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

76 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,166,000 and 52 Foreign Companies were registered during the nine months ended March, 1950. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 93 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £8,888,500 and 37 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	9 Months ended MARCH					
	1950			1949		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	18	28,506	45,923	17	15,603	3,109
Deeds of Assignment (a)	13	38,753	18,270	10	50,255	43,047
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Gross Earnings (a)	£	506,200	411,200	4,100,900
Working Expenses (a)	£	562,544	506,950	4,679,988
	* JANUARY		* 7 Months ended JANUARY	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Train Miles Run	No.	584,094	577,779	3,812,377
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 130,905	93,840	(c) 660,980
Passenger Journeys -				
Train	No.	916,225	922,266	6,439,227
Motor Bus	No.	47,732	37,125	276,316
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods		227,639	222,327	1,528,353
Livestock		14,522	13,715	99,036
Departmental (free				
Freight)		37,951	34,552	305,156
	Total	280,112	270,594	1,932,545
				1,957,070
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods		36,834,963	31,556,203	234,125,354
Livestock		1,344,563	1,559,024	12,507,492
Departmental (free				
Freight)		6,282,613	4,754,954	47,932,943
	Total	44,462,139	37,870,181	294,565,789
				285,473,322

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service. (b) Period covered - 4 weeks ended 14th January. (c) Period covered - 3rd July to 14th January.

\* Later figures not available.

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
1950 -								
January	312	58	-	105	696	218	7	214
February	394	122	2	109	814	394	6	199

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)\*

Date As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 -								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
1949 -								
June	24,327	11,183	354	6,339	40,057	37,533	638	10,582
December	25,392	11,744	402	6,924	43,128	40,167	781	11,378
1950 -								
January	26,108	11,853	427	6,973	42,977	37,811	764	11,259
February	26,438	11,900	426	7,023	44,377	39,339	786	11,592

\* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for February, 1950, 139 Cars; 645 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 7 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, February, 1950 and 1949 and 8 months ending February, 1950 and 1949, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Oversea	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
	3,840	2,127	21,631	14,210	4,734	5,237	35,241	32,628
Interstate	1,744	2,099	22,114	20,255	406	227	3,886	3,046
TOTAL	5,584	4,226	43,745	34,465	5,140	5,464	39,127	35,674



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1948 - Dec. Qtr. 1949 - Dec. Qtr.	226	154	782	993	12	43	71	154	1,091	1,344
	214	193	723	1,026	19	84	90	102	1,046	1,405

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residential, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1948 - Dec. Qtr. 1949 - Dec. Qtr.	400	578	80	66	515	483	11	9	1,006	1,134
	394	642	51	43	471	507	6	7	922	1,199

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

369,237 lbs. were produced during February, 1950, and 13,200,701 lbs. for the eight months ended February, 1950, as against 458,526 and 13,430,134 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1949.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	MARCH		3 Months ended MARCH	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	42,351	48,313	139,836	149,734
Value (Aust. Currency) £	656,576	519,970	2,167,055	1,611,512

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the three months ended March, 1950, amounted to £242,188. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1949 amounted to £34,375.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 100).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	MARCH		3 Months ended MARCH		MARCH QUARTER		12 Months ended MARCH	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Metropolitan Area	1527	1375	1514	1358	1479	1338	1445	1294
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1657	1522	1648	1500	1571	1441	1535	1395
Northam	1554	1395	1537	1381	1494	1347	1457	1302
Bunbury	1524	1385	1517	1370	1499	1355	1460	1397
Geraldton	1565	1418	1554	1394	1546	1441	1508	1360
Collie	1539	1396	1530	1379	1419	1288	1386	1246

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

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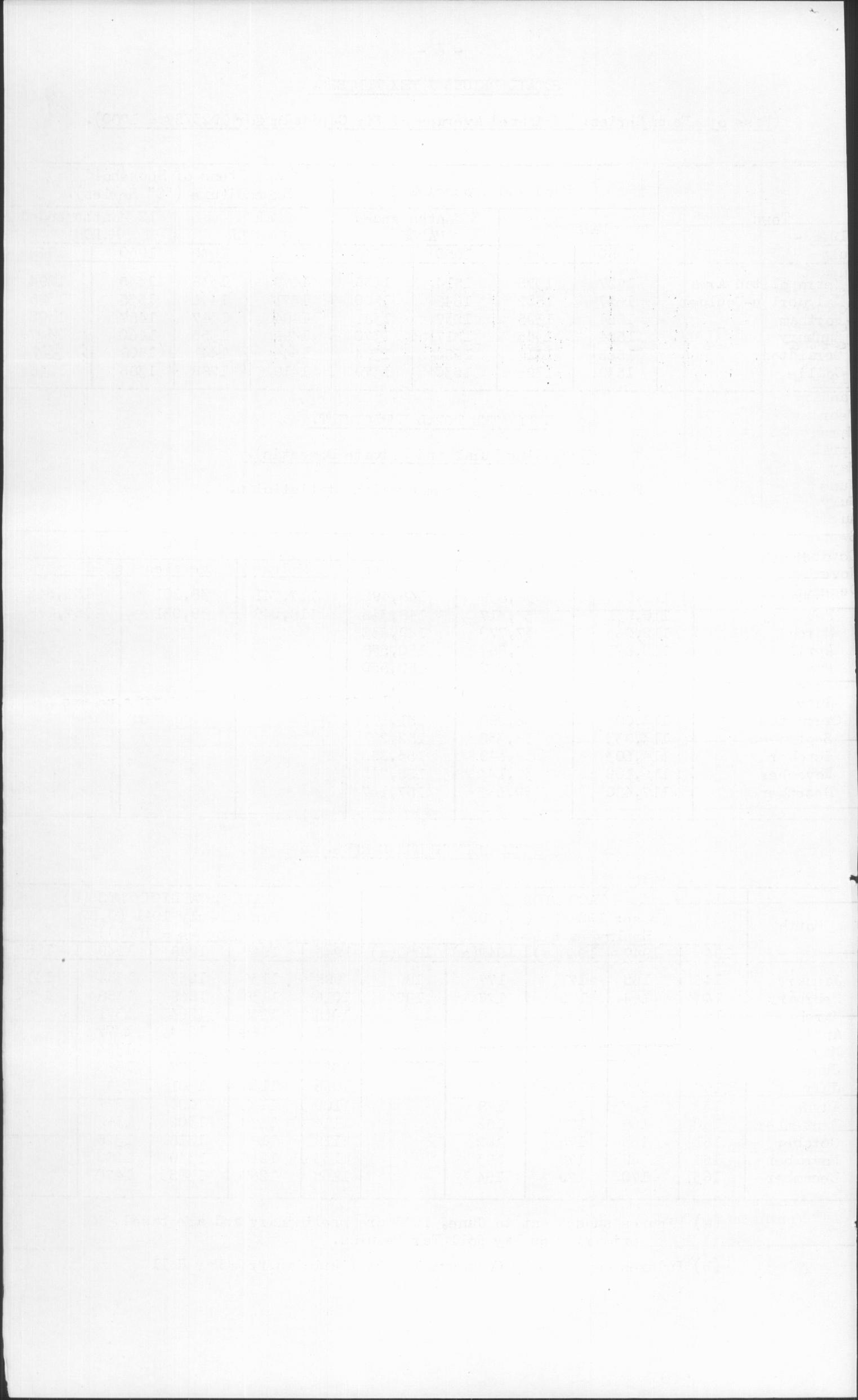
Month	1949			1950		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	111,653	36,839	148,492	117,741	38,801	156,542
February	110,931	37,417	148,348	118,048	39,031	157,079
March	112,063	37,770	149,833			
April	112,671	37,887	150,558			
May	112,777	37,782	150,559			
June	113,010	37,928	150,938			
July	111,190	37,991	149,181			
August	113,003	38,098	151,101			
September	113,933	38,358	152,291			
October	114,603	38,649	153,252			
November	116,102	39,143	155,245			
December	117,480	39,667	157,147			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1946	1947	1948(a)	1949(a)	1950(a)	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
January	145	162	171	177	189	995	1134	1233	1354	1410
February	148	164	172	177	187	1016	1138	1249	1358	1387
March	151	166	176	178		1045	1145	1264	1371	
April	153	167	176	179		1051	1144	1264	1377	
May	154	168	177	179		1069	1151	1277	1354	
June	154	167	177	178		1087	1153	1277	1362	
July	157	167	177(a)	173		1096	1168	1301	1381	
August	159	167	176	178		1109	1181	1294	1377	
September	160	168	177	182		1114	1172	1302	1365	
October	161	168	178	182		1118	1184	1318	1375	
November	158	169	178	183		1133	1215	1349	1402	
December	163	170	179	184		1165	1267	1385	1470	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1948 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.



UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1948 -									
July	133	6	139	151	7	158	188	5	193
August	94	5	99	114	3	117	168	7	175
September	71	3	74	97	3	100	142	7	149
October	63	4	67	92	8	100	113	3	116
November	49	2	51	61	4	65	101	1	102
December	44	1	45	43	-	43	102	2	104
1949 -									
January	112	6	118	98	3	101	116	5	121
February	72	3	75	78	5	83	110	3	113
March	50	-	50	62	2	64	98	1	99
April	57	5	62	72	2	74	83	4	87
May	37	3	40	33	3	36	87	4	91
June	57	7	64	44	4	48	100	7	107
July	4,645	665	5,310	4,371	643	5,014	374	29	403
August	104	9	113	195	19	214	283	19	302
September	67	2	69	102	7	109	248	14	262
October	67	12	79	82	7	89	233	19	252
November	34	7	41	43	4	47	224	22	246
December	38	3	41	25	2	27	237	23	260

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State							
	Male		Female		Male							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
1st May, 1950	7.	0.	0.	3.	15.	7.	6.	19.	9.	3.	15.	6.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the V.A. Government Power Station).

	MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	22,853	18,292	172,187	163,858
Units Sold (1000 K.V.H.)	19,108	15,255	145,570	138,580

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
March, 1950	6,923	359	66,515	7,453
March, 1949	5,561	204	87,772	8,726
3 Months ended MARCH, 1950	18,230	1,102	195,425	25,967
3 Months ended MARCH, 1949	17,738	1,107	200,969	30,093

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